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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT

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- 1. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, BENJENK'S IBRD COLLEAGUES CURRENTLY HERE DO NOT HAVE IMPRESSION GOE IS REPEATEDLY STATING THAT USG IS INSISTING IT DEFAULT ON PAYMENT TO THE RUSSIANS. ON CONTRARY, IBRD TEAM MEMBERS, WHO HAVE NOW BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST SIX WEEKS, DENY HAVING HEARD ANY SUCH STATEMENTS.
- 2. NEVERTHELESS, I MENTIONED THE MATTER TO ABU ISMAIL TODAY, POINTING OUT THAT OUR POSITION IS THAT GOE SHOULD NOT MAKE NET REPAYMENT DURING NEXT 12 MONTHS TO ANY MAJOR FOREIGN OFFICIAL CREDITOR.

  WE HAVE NEVER SUGGESTED GOE DEFAULT ON DEBTS TO ANYONE. ABU ISMAIL INDICATED FULL AWARENESS OF OUR POSTION.

  HE DISCLAIMED HAVING HEARD ANY SUCH STATEMENT BY GOE OFFICIAL, AND FULLY AGREED ANY SUCH SUGGESTION SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED. AS HE PUT IT, TE MATTER OF GOE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IS NOT RPT NOT THE CONCERN OF THE USG AND INVOLVES GOE ALONE.
- 3. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, WHILE WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSBILITY THAT SOME GOE OFFICIAL MAY HAVE MADE STATEMENTS ALONG LINES BENJENK'S CONFIDENTIAL

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INDICATED, NO RPT NO EMBASSY/AID OFFICER HAS EVER

HEARD ANY SUCH SUGGESTION WHEN DEALING WITH GOE OR OTHER CONTACTS. EILTS	
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